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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir or Madam:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination and the following Amendment.

A. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC § 112.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 6 (and dependant claims 2-5 and 7-9) because, according to the Examiner, the limitation "regardless of the length of such working surface" is new matter not supported by the original disclosure. Applicant respectfully traverses the

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